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Examiner : Stephen Kapushoc

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For : METHOD OF JUDGING INFLAMMATORY DISEASE BY USING SINGLE
NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM IN GALECTIN -2 GENE

RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

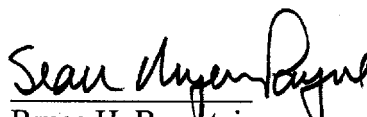
Applicants thank Examiner Stephen Kapushoc for the telephonic interview on January 13, 2010, and the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative. During the telephone interview, Applicants' representative, Adaku Nwachukwu, and the Examiner discussed the entry of the after final amendment and potential evidence to overcome an enablement rejection.

The Examiner indicated that the amendments of the response filed December 23, 2009, will be entered. However, the Examiner indicated that he will maintain the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection and issue an Advisory Action. In this regard, the Examiner informed Applicants' representative that the rejection could be overcome by providing a 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Declaration, showing an association in a non-Japanese population between the 3279 SNP and myocardial infarction.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, including any required extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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